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Other recent committee and team members who deserve the Army's thanks and appreciation are as follows:

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Robots Take on Risky Job to Save Soldiers' Lives

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The U.S. Army's Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) provides contract, logistic and engineering support for procuring and replacing robotic systems. In FY06, PEO STRI awarded \$88 million in robotic systems contracts. Approximately 4,000 of these robots perform contingency operations in Southwest Asia (SWA) combat zones. These unmanned ground systems allow Soldiers to safely investigate potential improvised explosive devices and anti-personnel mines. "The robots perform missions that are inherently dangerous to the warfighter, such as explosive ordnance detection and disposal," said Glenn Daens, a PEO STRI Acquisition Logistician.



The robotic systems supporting contingency operations in SWA require human operation and associated equipment. However, much of the risk associated with investigating explosives is alleviated by the use of robots. "A good example of this is the utilization of robots in the Explosive Ordnance Disposal [EOD] mission. In

the past, an EOD technician would suit up in heavy gear, probe suspicious items and disarm or dispose of the explosive," explained Daens. "EOD technicians can now perform this mission using a robot to identify explosive ordnance

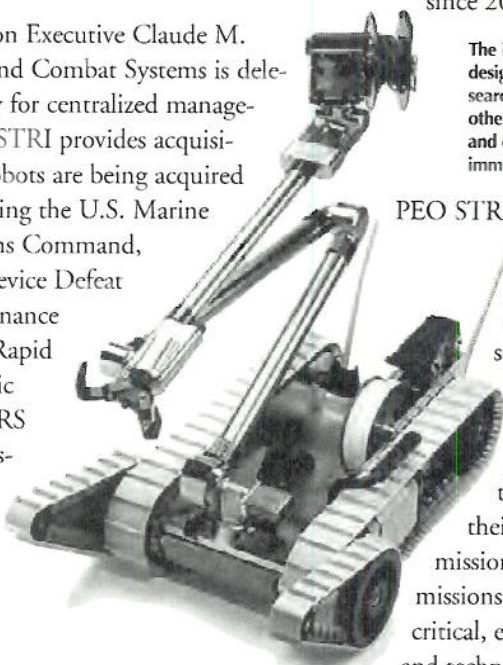
using various sensors and, in some cases, can disarm the device or dispose of it by blowing it in place, all while maintaining a safe distance."

Chartered by Army Acquisition Executive Claude M. Bolton Jr., the PEO for Ground Combat Systems is delegated as the full-line authority for centralized management of projects, while PEO STRI provides acquisition support. Additionally, robots are being acquired for other organizations including the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Special Operations Command, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, U.S. Navy Ordnance Disposal and the U.S. Army Rapid Equipping Force. The Robotic Systems Joint Project Office (RS JPO) repairs, supports and sustains all robotics systems. Their role has grown significantly to satisfy the needs of the warfighter in *Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom*.

According to Contract Specialist Duane St. Peter, continued growth is expected as more line units request robots. "New robotics requirements are frequently generated due to rapidly changing tactics, techniques and procedures. As the number of fielded systems grows, the logistical support required will increase as well," he commented. "RS JPO was familiar with PEO STRI based on past business relationships and was seeking an acquisition center that had the capacity and desire

to accept new requirements and rapidly turn those requirements into contract actions. PEO STRI accepted the challenge and has awarded more than \$100 million in contracts since 2005 in direct support of RS JPO."

The iRobot Corp. PackBot is a rugged, lightweight robot designed to conduct EOD; hazardous material handling; search, surveillance and reconnaissance; hostage rescue; and other tasks. Employment of robots to complete repetitive and often dangerous tasks keep Soldiers out of the immediate line of fire. (Photo courtesy of iRobot Corp.)



PEO STRI has contributed to the robotics program since 2005 through the acquisition and replacement of systems, spare parts and training required for RS JPO to pursue its mission. In addition to supporting the RS JPO, PEO STRI provides interoperable training and testing solutions, program management and life-cycle support for the Army's most advanced training systems around the world. Simulations help our Soldiers hone their individual and collective skill sets, rehearse their missions and return to their families safely when their missions are complete. PEO STRI responds quickly to critical, emerging requirements with innovative acquisition and technology solutions and is dedicated to putting the power of simulation into the hands of America's warfighters. PEO STRI stands ready to support the RS JPO's estimated \$200 million in contract actions during FY07.

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Correction

In *Army AL&T Magazine's* January-March 2007 issue, we inadvertently did not include Glen W. Maylone as an additional author to the article "Rock Island Arsenal JMTTC Brings Gold Shingo Prize to the Arsenal." Mr. Maylone's author biography follows. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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